

**Indiana State Department of Health
Radiology Licensing Rule
410 IAC 5.2**

**Economic Impact on Small Business Statement
Pursuant to IC 4-22-2.1**

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Description of Rule:

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has responsibility for the licensing and regulation of individuals practicing medical radiologic technology. In 1983 the ISDH adopted radiology licensing rules requiring radiologic technologists and individuals providing limited radiologic services to be licensed. The rules became effective in 1984. With the exception of a few minor amendments, the rules have not been updated since 1984.

Since 1984, radiology has experienced extensive growth and change. Procedures such as computed tomography and interventional radiography were relatively new modalities in 1984 but are now widespread. Technologies such as digital imaging and positron emission tomography had not been developed but now are an important technology. Nuclear medicine and radiation therapy were still in their formative years in 1984 but have expanded significantly in recent years. The result is that the existing rules are outdated, ineffective, or procedurally inefficient.

The proposed rule continues the licensing of radiologic technologists and individuals performing limited radiographic procedures. The primary addition in the rule is to add licensing for nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists. Licensing of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists are the two primary changes fiscally impacting the ISDH.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

1. Estimate of the number of small businesses, classified by industry sector, that will be subject to the proposed rule.

IC 4-22-2.1-4 defines a small business as any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or association that:

- (1) is actively engaged in business in Indiana and maintains its principal place of business in Indiana;
- (2) is independently owned and operated;
- (3) employs one hundred (100) or fewer full-time employees; and
- (4) has gross annual receipts of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or less.

Statute requires that any medical radiation provider be licensed by the ISDH. The proposed rule establishes licensing standards for individuals to include radiologic technologists, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, and limited radiology operators. These individuals are employed by hospitals, clinics, or physician offices to perform radiologic services. The North American Industry Classification System classifies these institutions as General Medical and Surgical Hospitals (NAICS 622110), Diagnostic Imaging Centers (NAICS 621512), and Offices of Physicians (NAICS 621111).

The proposed radiology licensing rule applies to individuals rather than businesses. The licensing fees are the responsibility of the individual being licensed. The individuals licensed under this proposed rule do not meet the requirements of a small business as defined by IC 4-22-2.1-4.

Conclusion

Because the regulated entities under this rule are individuals and do not meet the definition of a small businesses, there is no economic impact of the proposed rule on small businesses.

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